

3. THE STATE OF ORIGIN IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERSTATE FISHING MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

- (4) Yellow perch less than 8 inches, if caught other than by hook or line;
- (5) Pike or walleyed pike less than 14 inches;
- (6) Weakfish less than 10 inches;
- (7) Spotted sea trout less than 12 inches;

(8) Striped bass, less than 14 inches in length or measuring more than 32 inches. However, a person may possess one striped bass over 32 inches per day caught with hook and line in the tidal waters of the State at any time of the year except from March 1 to April 30 inclusive, which may not be sold or offered for sale. In any year that the young-of-the-year striped bass index exceeds 15, the Department may permit by regulation during the 12-month period beginning April 1 of the following year, the possession, sale, or offer for sale of striped bass 12 inches in length;

- (9) Sturgeon weighing less than 25 pounds;
- (10) Taylor or bluefish less than 8 inches;

(11) Summer flounder less than 13 inches except that an amount of undersized fish not greater than 5 percent of a vessel's load by number, as indicated by a sample of not less than 200 fish, may be retained by licensed commercial fishermen; and

(12) Red drum or channel bass less than 14 inches. A person may not possess more than 2 red drum or channel bass over 32 inches total length each, per day.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 403

(Senate Bill 803)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Sale of Weakfish

FOR the purpose of altering the size limit for purposes of a prohibition on the sale or possession of weakfish; allowing a person to sell a weakfish that is less than a certain size if the weakfish was caught in another state and certain requirements are met;